Final Assessment of Overcharged Amounts

2061. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2015 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th November, 1988 and state what are the reasons and circumstances under which the special team assessed tentative over-charged amounts and by when the final amounts would be assessed?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): The assessments of the Special Team for overcharged amount are treated as tentative until the team's reports for the entire period are received and the Government's final decisions thereon are taken.

Price control on Vitamins

2062. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that price of any formulation cannot be fixed in the absence of price control on the bulk drug;

(b) if so, on what basis multivitamin formulations are kept under price control whereas bulk vitamins are price decontrolled;

(c) whether it is also a fact that ORS as a formulation was not known when this product was included in category-I;

(d) what are the constituents of ORS and whether they conform to any pharmacopical specifications; and

(e) whether such constituents are bulk drugs as per definition given under DPCO, 1987?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) and (b) The prices of formulations in such cases are determined as per provisions of paragraphs 6 and 7 of DPCO, 1987.

(c) to (e) ORS contains various ingredients like Sodium Chloride, Potassium Chloride, Sodium Citrate and Dextrose etc. which have multiple uses as chemicals and bulk drugs.

Price control on drugs for mental health programme

2063. DR. BAPU KALDATE. Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Union Cabinet have decided that all the drugs required for the National Health Programme would be placed in Category-I

(b) whether it is also a fact that on 4th June, 1987 the Ministry of Health communicated to him that the National Programme for Mental Health is one of the National Health Programmes; and

(c) if so, on what basis drugs needed for this programme have been exempted from price control?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) As per measures announced by the Government in December, 1986 Category-I consists of drugs required for National Health Programme

(b) and (c) The drugs included in Schedule-I of DPCO, 1987 are as per recommendations of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Investment involved in Power Projects

2064 SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be